

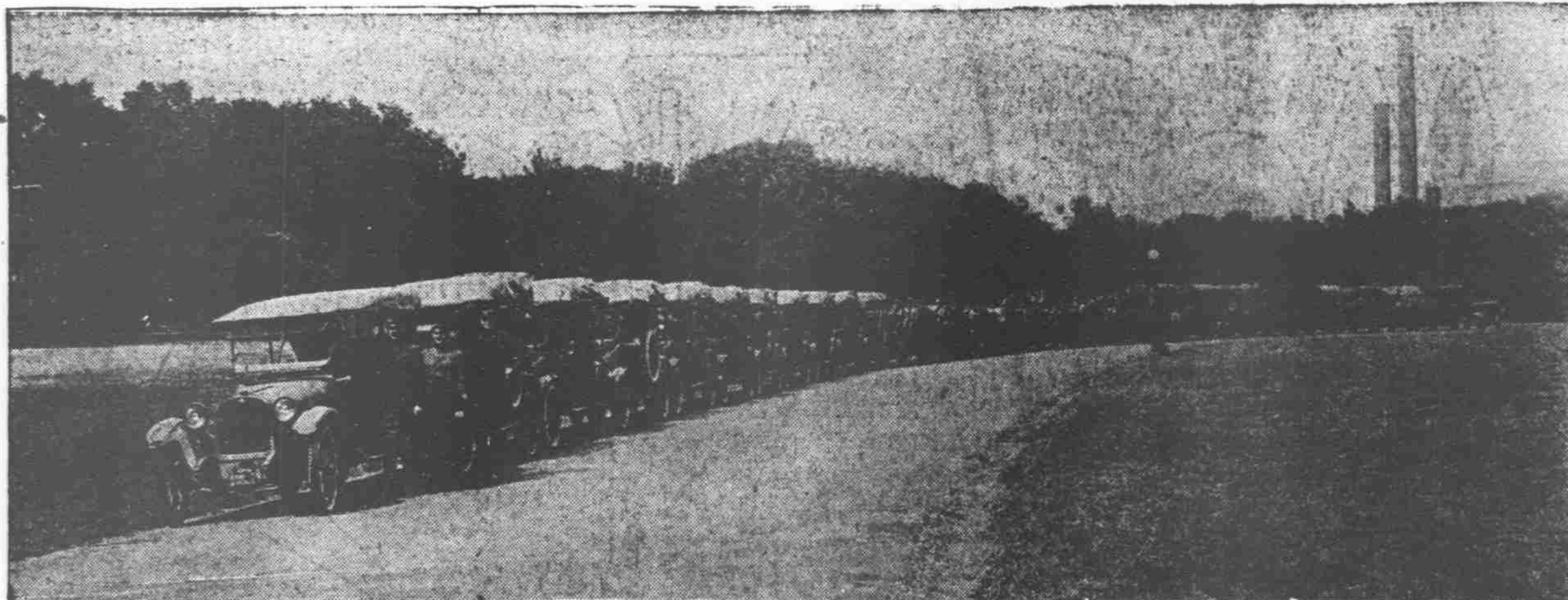
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PARADE PROGRESS

Today's big show will provide Washington with an advance view of the Motor Transport Corps' transcontinental truck train that is to hop off from this city July 7 on the long cross country trail. In addition, the "corps that moves the army" will be represented by two Boche motor trucks recently arrived from Coblenz, Rhineland, and a number of floats, made for the occasion to picture its varied activities and how it keeps its equipment in condition to deliver the goods when and where needed. In all, the exhibit will contain more than sixty motor vehicles. This will be the first time since its organization that Washington has had a chance to see the Motor Transport Corps on parade. To signalize the event and to show its interest in the Capital City's Transportation Day Pageant, many instructive and novel features will be presented, among them, a camouflaged machine shop truck with operatives equipped with gas masks and working under advance section conditions. Every little while a real gas bomb will be exploded in front of the truck, causing the men to don the masks quickly. There will be no make believe about this part of the show, for the gas will be of the best Chemical Warfare Service brand, guaranteed to bring tears to the eyes of anyone.

From the point of view of the men in the trade, the participation of the

DETAILS OF COAST TO COAST TRIP

Army's Great Trans-Continental Truck Train Which Will Parade Today in Capital



One of the unique features of the parade today will be the great trans-continental truck train which will leave Washington July 7 to demonstrate to the nation the importance of the motor truck, not only in winning wars, but in gathering laurels of industrial and commercial success in time of peace.

Army Motor Corps in the parade will be of noteworthy importance. Coming on the heels of the recently an-

nounced plan for the intensive training of young men in Motor Transport Corps Schools, the establishment of courses in cooperation with the Government at several large universities for the education of officers in highway engineering, the interest shown by Motor Transport Corps officials in today's event means that the corps is fully alive to the increasing importance of the motor industry, both to the army and the nation, and is taking active and aggressive steps to further the cause of motor transportation in this country.

The Motor Transport Corps' exhibit is, of course, larger numerically than that of any other single entrant. It will move in three sections:

First—Trans-Continental Truck Train, made up as follows:
Company A: Passengers cars—2 light, open, Dodge; 1 staff observation, White. Ambulances—2 heavy, GMC. Motorcycles—1 solo, Harley-Davidson; 2 side-car, Harley-Davidson. Trucks—3 Mack; 3 Riker; 3 FWD; 3 Packard; 1 White, new drive, 3-ton; 3 Standardized B; 2 light delivery, Dodge. Miscellaneous—1 mash-up truck; 1 kitchen trailer; 1 tank truck.

Company B: Passenger cars—2 light, open, Dodge; 1 heavy, open Cadillac; 1 reconnaissance, White. Ambulances—2 heavy, GMC. Motorcycles—1 solo, Harley-Davidson; 2 side cars, Indian. Trucks—5 one and one-half-ton, White; 3 one and one-half-ton, Dodge. Miscellaneous—1 tank truck; 1 kitchen trailer; 1 water tank truck. Trucks—1 engineer shop truck; 1 office work truck; 1 searchlight truck.

Second: Boche trucks—Three-ton, cargo, Nationals Automobile Company; two-ton, ambulance, Audiwerke Automobile Gesellschaft.
Third: Floats—Uncle Sam Got the Kaiser's Goat; Camp Scene; The M. T. C. Steps to Opportunity; M. T. C. Schools; M. T. C. Moves the Army; Artillery; M. T. C. Moves the Army—Artillery; M. T. C. Moves the Army—Loaded; Q. M. Mule Wagon; M. T. C. Moves the Army—Substance; M. T. C. Moves the Army—Combat Troops; M. T. C. Moves the Army—Q. M. Supplies; machine shop truck, preceded by Chemical Warfare Service detachment with gas bombs.

Cross Country Train.
While not so spectacular as some other features of the parade, the transcontinental train, with its business-like appearance in personnel and equipment of readiness to cope with

any emergency, will have more of meaning to the motor industry than will any other exhibit. This great project, the most ambitious of the kind ever planned either by a Government or by a private agency, is considered by the War Department to be of primary importance, as is shown by a statement of the military and educational purposes for which the trip is to be made. These are:

(a) An extended service or performance test of the several standardized principal types of motorized army equipment used for the transportation of troops and cargo, and for other special military purposes.
(b) The War Department's contribution to the good roads movement for the purpose of developing the construction of through-route and transcontinental highways as a military and economic asset.

(c) A demonstration of the practicability of long distance motor post and commercial transportation and the necessity for the judicious expenditure of Federal governmental appropriations in providing the necessary highways.
(d) The collection of detailed data for use in connection with the technical training of commissioned and enlisted personnel of the motor transport in the essential functions of the corps—that of operating motor transportation.

(e) The procurement of recruits for the enlisted personnel of the Motor Transport Corps.
(f) The provision of an opportunity for extensive studies in terrain observation by certain branches of the army, particularly the field artillery, the air service, and the engineer service.

(g) An exhibition to the general public, either through actual contact or resulting channels of publicity of the development of the motor vehicle for military purposes, which is conceded one of the principal factors contributing to the winning of the world war.

President To See Start.
President Wilson will start the train off on the 3200-mile trail by dedicating a milestone in front of the White House, and appropriate ceremonies in which Governor Stephens, of California, will participate, will mark the completion of the trip at San Francisco from forty-seven to sixty days later. As far as possible, the route will follow the Lincoln Highway. The Highway Association is co-operating in every way with the Motor Transport Corps for the success of the trip and will furnish

an experienced pilot to guide over the roads west of Chicago.

General Drake, chief of the Motor Transport Corps, grand marshal of today's parade, will join the train at Cheyenne and continue to the finish, while Col. A. O. Seaman, executive officer, M. T. C., is expected to accompany the train from this city to Chicago.

Capt. Bernard McMahon, M.T.C. will command the train in the field, with the following assistants: Lieut. K. C. Downing, adjutant; Lieut. J. W. Griffin, supply officer; Lieut. Daniel Martin, Company A; Lieut. H. G. Shackey, Company A; Lieut. Martin Cavanaugh, Company B; Lieut. J. S. Johnson, Company B; Lieut. G. L. Bissell, 595th Service Park Repair Unit.

To Carry Engineers.

For purposes of technical observation, the train will carry a detachment of engineers from Camp Humphries, under Captain Ritchie, and detachments from the Medical Corps, Air Service, and Field Artillery. The medical detachment will take care of any ordinary injuries or sick cases while the engineers will be equipped to perform any military field engineering duties such as strengthening of bridges, the removal of road obstructions, drafting, and photographers' service.

The train will be preserved intact throughout the trip, and will be self-sustaining, not being permitted to call upon outside assistance except for certain operating supplies, such as gasoline, oil, and water, which it would be impracticable to carry in sufficient quantities to last out the journey. Spare parts and repair materials will be carried in quantity, and all repairs, adjustments, or replacements needed will be made by the maintenance personnel.

In living also, actual service conditions will be reproduced as far as possible, personnel being quartered either in the trucks or in military structures along the route.

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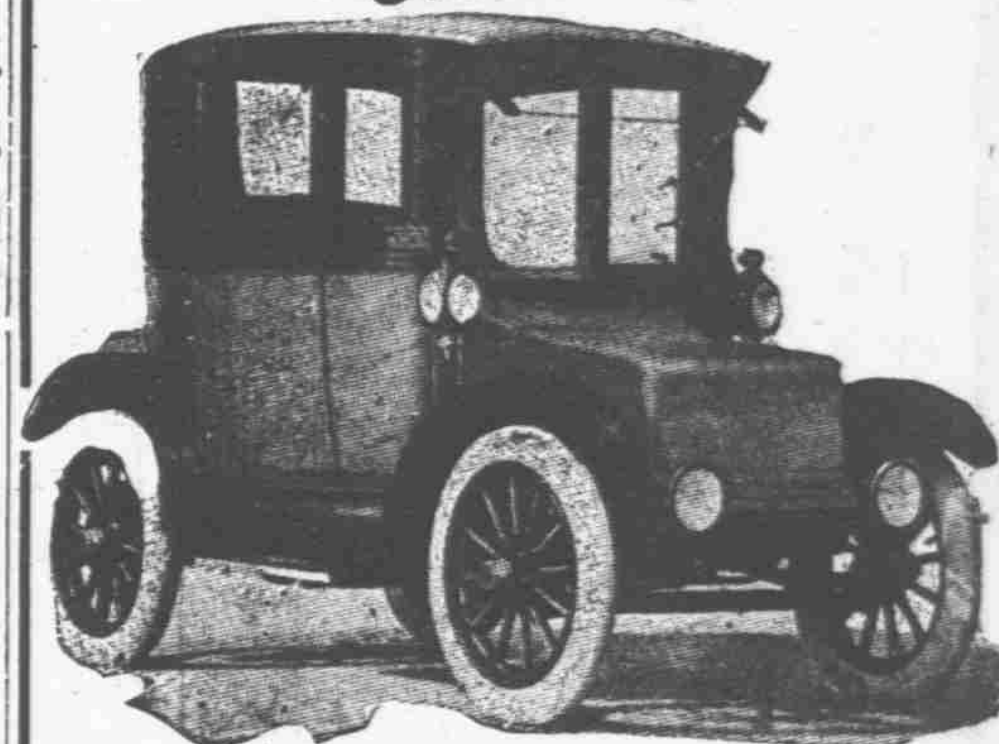
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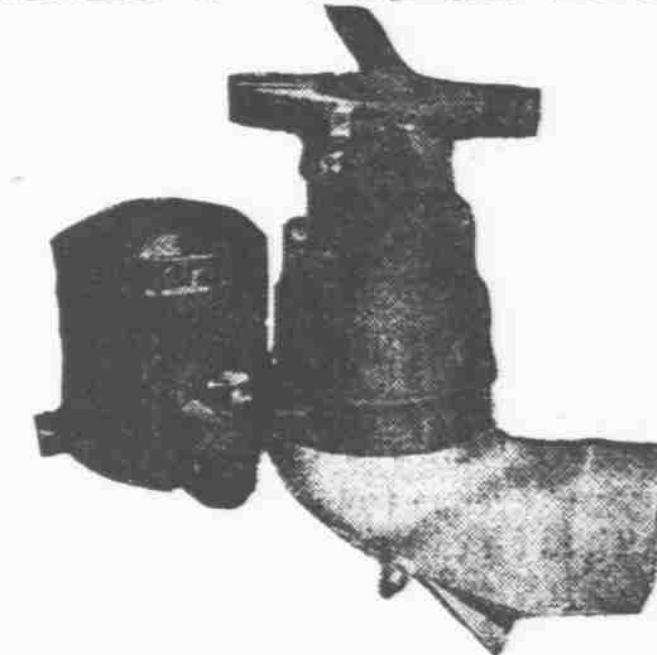
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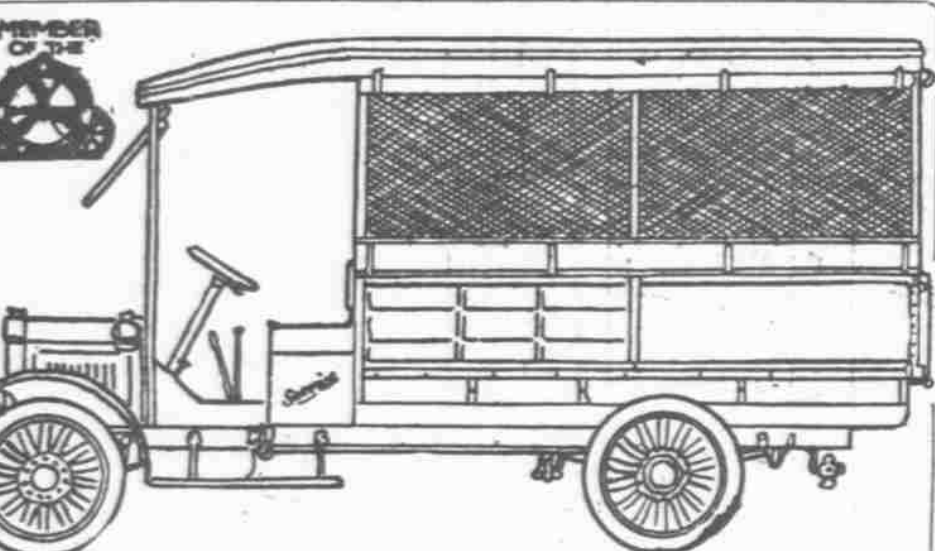
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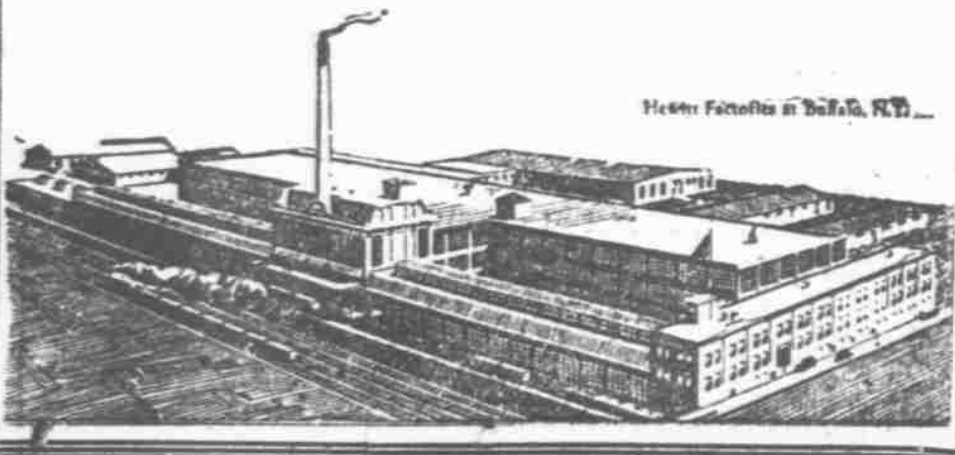
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